



# **Tournament Rules**

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## 1. Prospectus.

The TTBA shall issue a Prospectus not less than One (1) month prior to the date of the proposed tournament inviting players to register for the tournament. The prospectus shall state:

- a. The proposed dates and times of the tournament
- b. The place where the tournament is to be held
- c. The cost of entry per event or one charge for all entered events
- d. Categories in the tournament
- e. Playing Rules and Regulations to be used
- f. Make and model of shuttle to be used
- g. Latest entry date and Withdrawal date
- h. The date, time and place of the draw or other.
- i. Any special restrictions to be enforced
- j. Any Player's fines applicable to the tournament

## 2. Player Registration and Registration Fees

- a. Players to be registered by clubs, must be players belonging to that club and on the players list of that club residing with the TTBA
- b. Non registered players will be required to pay 150% of the registration fee for the tournament. This also applies to Masters players.
- c. The TTBA is to ensure that the Ranking of players is updated and published regularly and must be known to clubs before the prospectus is published.
- d. Registration fees are the responsibility of clubs. The fees must be paid before the start of the tournament. The club is responsibility of all fees even if players fail to turn up for their matches. Where players are registered to play and their fees remain outstanding at the end of the tournament, the club will continue to be responsible for the fee and will also incur a fine of \$100 per player per month. If the fee and fine is outstanding for more than 3 months, the club will be banned from entering players in the next tournament.
- e. Where players from different clubs want to partner with each other, both clubs must submit registration forms for its player. Each club will indicate who is the other partner and club.

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## 3. Ranking

- a. In Juniors, players will move from one age group to the next higher age group with their points earned from the lower age group
- b. A case in which a player from a lower age group moves up to a higher age group and has the same points as a player in the higher age group, the player from the higher age group will be placed higher than the player now coming into the group.
- c. In all categories, only ranking points from the previous 2 years will be considered in the ranking system. However, if more than 8 tournaments are held during the last 2 years, the highest points from the last 6 tournaments will be considered.

## 4. Seeding

- a. The minimum Number of players for any event will be 2 in juniors and 4 in seniors.
- b. Where there are 3 or 4 entries only, a Round Robin System (RRS) will be used. In Masters Events in which the number of players/teams is 8 or less, RRS will be used.
- c. BWF ranking rules will not be applied to domestic tournaments.
- d. The Number of seeds will be as follows:
  - i. 1 to 8 players = 2 seeds
  - ii. 9 to 16 players = 4 seeds
  - iii. 17 to 32 players = 8 seeds

## 5. International Ranking

- a. See TTBA Ranking Procedure.

## 6. Referee

- a. The TTBA shall appoint a Referee for the tournament before the draw for a tournament. The Referee with at least one match control official must be present for a Public draw. The referee may appoint a proxy to stand in for him. That person shall have the same powers and authority as if the Referee was there. The TTBA may opt to allow use of tournament software for tournament management including, Draws, Ranking, Rosters, Scheduling etc.

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- b. Before a draw is started, the officials present will verify that all entries from clubs have been entered into the tournament software and in the correct age groups/categories.
- c. The referee will confirm that seeded players are confirmed for each category prior to the draw.
- d. The Referee will be the sole judge in all matters relating to the conduct of the tournament. This will include but not limited to: Safety, Conduct, discipline, Scheduling, shuttles, playing conditions, players clothing, etc. No appeal will be allowed.
- e. The Referee will not be responsible for the prize giving ceremony. The TTBA or LOC shall appoint persons to carry out the prize giving ceremony.
- f. The Referee may allow a player to be substituted by another player provided that there is no unfair advantage to be gained and provided that the tournament has not started as yet. To be used in extreme circumstances and when a player cannot play in the tournament anymore. A higher ranked player cannot replace a player of lower ranking.

## 7. Match Control

- a. The times of matches published by Match Control shall be a guide. Matches may be called up to 1 hour prior to the published time. When a match is called, the players will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes to present themselves on court. Failure to be on court will result in the match being awarded to the player(s) on court at the time of the match being called off.
- b. The minimum rest time between matches shall be 20 minutes or such times as published.
- c. Match Control in consultation with the Referee MAY postpone a match for any reason subject to time constraints of the overall progress of the tournament.
- d. Match Control in consultation with the Referee MAY bring forward any match subject to the approval of both players.
- e. Match Control will keep players informed of next available matches. Match Control will use its best endeavors to ensure that players for next available matches acknowledge the announcements.
- f. A player who is present at the tournament venue and does not present himself at court when a match is called but waits out the full 10 minutes to be on court is

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considered to have contravened section 4.1.1 of the players code of conduct and is to receive an official warning when the match starts.

- g. Players who fail to comply with goodwill formalities will be officially warned.

## 8. Management and Coaching

- a. Each club entering a tournament will name a Manager. The manager will be the person responsible for liaising and coordinating with the Match Control officials and the Referee.
- b. Only two persons are allowed in the Coaches chairs. Coaches can only move to another court when the shuttle is not in play. Coaches are not allowed to coach during a rally and not allowed to coach across courts. Coaches may coach players during intervals but must return to their seats when the umpire announces the 20 second remaining for players to return to the court. Coaches are not allowed to use any electronic devices while seated in the coach's chair.
- c. Coaches are to be properly dressed to sit at the coach chair. No Jeans(Buss up designer), No flip flops, No sleeveless vest. Sports shorts or other with inseam not less than 50mm. Long tack pants are allowed.

## 9. Protection of Court Surface (CRISA Venue or other)

- a. The player(s) must seek the umpire's permission to wipe his/her feet. The umpire will have the final say in approving/Not approving stopping of the game to allow wiping of feet.
- b. All player(s) must properly wipe the soles of their shoes before, at interval and before commencement of the following game. Umpires should observe those players who request to wipe their feet as a means of time wasting or to recover wind during the game.
- c. TTBA will provide Rubberized mats (one on each side of court next to baskets) and players would provide **damp cloth towel** to be placed on top of the mat. **Paper towels** will not be allowed.
- d. Players will not be allowed to add water to the damp towel.
- e. If permission is given by the umpire, the player will wipe the soles of his/her shoes on the towel quickly. The umpire should restrict this time to a few seconds.
- f. At the end of the match the player(s) will remove the damp towel from the mat.

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## 10. Lights (CRISA)

- a. If the overhead lights at CRISA are struck in the delivery of a serve, the umpire will call a **let**. On any or every further occurrence following the initial **let**, the umpire will call a **fault**.

## 11. Updates

- a. The TTBA tournament rules will be reviewed every 18 months or as requested by any representative on the subcommittee. The chairperson of the subcommittee will be the Umpires Association representative. The committee will comprise of:
  - i. Representative of Umpires Association (chair)
  - ii. Technical Director
  - iii. Club Caucus representative.
- b. The subcommittee may invite other persons to make presentations or attend any review meeting, but that person will have no voting rights on proposed amendments.
- c. All proposed amendments will be circulated to clubs for comment. The subcommittee may consider/review the comments made before publication. All amendments will stipulate the future date on which such changes are to take effect.

## 12. BWF Rules

- a. The following BWF rules will apply to all tournaments
  - i. Laws of Badminton
  - ii. Recommendations to Technical Officials
  - iii. Players' code of conduct
  - iv. Code of conduct Coaches, Team and Technical officials

Amendments/Updates to BWF rules will not be applied until they have been published locally.

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## 13. Timeline of Events

<b>Event Description</b>	<b>Days before start of tournament</b>
Distribution of updated Rankings	40
Distribution of Tournament Prospectus	30
Deadline for entries	14
Deadline for withdrawals	10
Confirmation of players	6-9
Draw	4-6
Scheduling of matches	1-3
Collection of All Entry Fees	1-3
Tournament start	0

Notes.